

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 709

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to recognize John Keeble on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, John Keeble is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for twenty years for the good people of the 8th District, making him the longest-serving commissioner on the current Blount County Commission; and

WHEREAS, when his term ends in August 2010, Mr. Keeble will retire as the fifth-longest-serving Commissioner in Blount County history; and

WHEREAS, an active and important part of his community, John Keeble has an exemplary record of public service that extends to his membership on the boards of the Cades Cove Preservation Association and the Smoky Mountains Heritage Center; and

WHEREAS, a strong supporter of education, Mr. Keeble was instrumental in the building of many county schools, including Townsend Elementary School, during his impressive tenure with the Blount County Education Committee; and

WHEREAS, never failing in his service to his county, Mr. Keeble has been involved in projects which will serve Blount County's citizens for generations to come, including those concerning the Everett gym renovation, the new Everett Senior Center, the Thompson-Brown House Museum, the conversion of the former Blount County Public Library into a new site for the County Health Department, the new library, the Justice Center, the renovation of the county courthouse, the swinging bridges in Townsend, the plan to turn the Wilson Bridge at Kinzel Springs in Townsend into a covered bridge, the conversion of the Ceramaspeed property into

the County Operations Center, and the creation of the Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center;
and

WHEREAS, even in the face of opposition, Mr. Keeble has been the driving force behind the upcoming opening of the Clayton Center for the Arts at Maryville College; and

WHEREAS, John Keeble exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, the good people of Blount County have benefited greatly from Mr. Keeble's expertise and faithful service; and

WHEREAS, as John Keeble officially answers the tantalizing call of retirement, it is most appropriate that we should honor his sterling career as a public servant and civic leader and his even more impressive résumé as a human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend John Keeble for his many significant contributions to his community during his twenty years of faithful service to Blount County as the 8th District Commissioner and wish this outstanding citizen much continued success and happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.